

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP IF
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants request adjustment of the patent term adjustment (PTA) calculated by the Office. The Office calculated the PTA as follows:

USPTO (A) Delay (days): 1179
Three Years (B) Delay (days): --
Applicant Delay (days): 0
Total Patent Term Adjustment (days): 1179

Applicants respectfully submit that method used to calculate the PTA above has been ruled to be in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 154, by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. See Wyeth v. Dudas, No. 07-1492 (D.D.C. September 30, 2008). The Wyeth court ordered the Office to add the "USPTO Delay" under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) to the "Three Years" under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B) and then subtract the Applicant Delay to determine the total PTA.

The correct calculation of the PTA is as follows:

USPTO (A) Delay (days): 1179

Three Years (B) Delay (days): 630 plus the days until the patent issues (Total amount of 1140 days minus 366 overlapping A delay between 10/31/2006 and 11/01/2007 and 144 overlapping A delay between 10/10/2008 and 03/03/2009)

Applicant Delay (days): 0

Total Patent Term Adjustment (days): 1809

In this case, the Office has not credited the applicant with any Three Years PTA under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), which is an erroneous calculation under the Wyeth holding that the Office is bound to obey.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the patent term be adjusted by a number of additional days to account for the Three Years delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B). The total number of additional days for the Three Years delay should be the number of days from the date of filing to the date of issuance minus three years. The total PTA should be the USPTO Delay of 1179 days plus the Three Years Delay minus the Applicant Delay and Overlapping Time (overlapping time of USPTO Delay and Three Years Delay).

The applicant does not dispute the Office's calculation of the Applicant Delay to be 0 days. The above-referenced application is not subject to a Terminal Disclaimer.

Enclosed is the fee of \$200 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.18(e). Please charge any deficiencies or apply any credits to Deposit Account No.: 50-1070.

Respectfully submitted,

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